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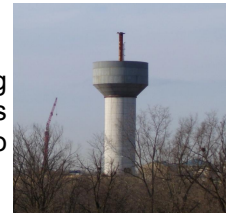
Utility News

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Capitol Project Updates

Kill Creek Water Tower Update

Construction continues on the Kill Creek water tower, with the interior piping 90% complete. Electrical work will begin in May. Painting of the tower is scheduled to begin the end of April. The water tower is currently scheduled to be placed in service early summer.



Bull Creek Lift Station Update

The Bull Creek Lift Station is located south of Warren Street on Poplar Street. Currently this site is a wastewater treatment plant, and this project will convert it to a lift station that will pump to the Kill Creek waste water treatment plant. The current Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant is becoming outdated and in need of a major upgrade. The construction of the Bull Creek Lift Station project began in January 2007 and is scheduled to be completed in April 2008.

Northside Lift Station Update

The Northside Lift Station, located north of 167th Street and east of Center Street, is being built to replace the current North lift station. The current lift station is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Colleen Drive and Center Street. The current station does not have the capacity needed to meet the future demand. The construction of the Northside Lift Station project began in May 2006 and is scheduled to be completed this Spring. The construction is about 95% complete at this time.



159th St Water line Project

Construction has begun on approximately 9,300 linear feet of 12" diameter water line on 159th Street from Gardner Road to Kill Creek Drive. This project is in conjunction with the new water tower being construction at Kill Creek Drive and 159th Street. This project will provide a looped waterline system from the new tower to the existing system which will provide improved water volume throughout the north part of the city. This project is scheduled to be completed the first part of May.

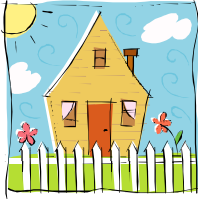


2007 Water Main Rehabilitation Project

This project is currently in the design phase and will consist of the replacement of approximately 3,000 linear of 6" cast iron main with a 12" PVC water main on north side of US 56 from Center Street to Poplar Street. New fire hydrants will be installed along the length of the main along with all new service connections from the main to the meter.

Approximately 2,000 linear feet of existing sidewalk will be replaced with a new 4 foot wide concrete sidewalk on the north side once the water main is installed. Construction of this project is tentatively scheduled to begin mid June 2007 and to be completed by mid September 2007.

Don't Forget the Large Item Spring Clean-Up: May 12, 2007



It's time for Spring cleaning once again. The City of Gardner is ready to help you get rid of those large items around your house. This event will take place on Saturday, May 12, 2007. There is no need to register your pickup of sofas, left over garage sale items, mattress, etc. Pickups will begin at 7 a.m. Please stack items for pickup near the curb in front of your residence prior to 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. Items placed at the curb after 7 a.m. will not be picked up if crews have already come through the neighborhood. Crews cannot drive onto private property. No items will be picked up from the alleys. Items must be small enough to be handled by two people.

What Cannot be Placed on the Curb for the Clean Up

No household trash, brush or limbs, barrels, refrigerators, freezers, batteries, car parts, air conditioners, old vehicles, radiators, tires, large construction debris, paint or hazardous waste. To dispose of household hazardous wastes, such as auto products, paints and pesticides, call the Johnson County Hazardous Materials Collection Facility, 913-492-0402 to schedule your appointment. Call Public Works at 913-856-0914 for more information.

Water Conservation Efforts Requested

With summer just around the corner, the City of Gardner is asking for your assistance in an effort to balance out water production.

This plan asks that even numbered houses water on even days and odd numbered houses water on odd numbered days. This has been very successful in stabilizing peak water consumption and reducing demand on the system. It also helps conserve water in Hillsdale Lake, should we have a hot and dry summer.



Lawn Care Watering Tips



Watering Tips:

1. Make sure your lawn gets at least one inch of water per week, either by rainfall or in combination with irrigation.
2. The best times to water are early morning and early evening when there is generally less wind and heat.
3. Infrequent and deep watering (one inch of water will soak to a depth of 4-6 inches) will produce the healthiest lawn.
4. Stop watering if puddles form or runoff occurs. Allow water to soak in before watering is resumed.

Additional Watering Tips:

1. Remember, less is better than more for both a healthy lawn and for water conservation.
2. Always water until the root zone is moist.
3. All grasses should be watered well in the fall. Even dormant grass continues to lose

water and can be injured if it gets too dry.

How do you know when your lawn needs watering?

Since most lawns can tolerate dry conditions over a reasonable period of time, water when a probe or screwdriver is difficult to push into the ground or when you know that the soil is dry at the root zone.

How long should you water at any one time?

Water soaks into different soils at different rates. If your soil is sandy, watering for 30 minutes per week should do the trick. If you don't know your soil type, try this: place a few empty cans in the area you're watering. Time how long it takes to fill the cans to a one-inch depth. If puddles form or runoff occurs on the lawn before a one-inch depth is reached in the can, adjust the watering rate.



Tips from www.lawnboy.com



Visit www.gardnerkansas.gov for a complete listing of all activities!

April 2007

Season Passes on Sale Now!

Resident Rates**

Family Pass (Maximum of 5, additional persons \$15.00)	\$135.00
Individual Pass (All ages)	\$75.00

Non-Resident Rates

Family Pass (Maximum of 5, additional persons \$15.00)	\$175.00
Individual Pass (All ages)	\$110.00

****Must show proof of residency at time of purchase**

Daily Admission

3 years and under	FREE
Ages 4-61	\$5.00
62 years and older	FREE

Purchase a pool pass before May 1, 2007 and receive \$20.00 off any family pass or \$10.00 off any individual pass. For more information, visit www.gardnerkansas.gov.



Opening Day:

May 26, 2007

Closing Day:

September 3, 2007

(Open on weekends only after August 12)

Hours of Operation:

1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mon-Sun

Address:

Cornerstone Park, 215 N. Center

Telephone:

Pool (913) 856-8206

Weather Hotline (913) 905-1770

Parks and Recreation Office (913) 856-0936

2007 Swimming Lessons

Opening day registration swimming lessons will be held on Saturday, April 28th.

Two Ways to Register on Opening Day:

1. **ONLINE** at www.gardnerkansas.gov. **AVOID LONG LINES AT CITY HALL!** Online registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 28th. Register one or more child in the convenience of your own home! A small handling fee will be applied.
2. **WALK-IN** at City Hall, 120 E. Main Street. Doors will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturday, April 28th. **LINES WILL BE LONG!** After April 28th, registration will be taken at the same location, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- If your child has never participated in a Parks and Recreation program before, you may call our offices at 856-0936 at any time to get them pre-registered into our system. This will include taking in their name, address and phone number only. It will not be a chance for you to enroll them in a class.
- Registration is done on a first come-first serve basis.
- Parents are allowed to register their child only. Waivers must be signed by a legal guardian.
- One class per child. Additional classes may be available after June 14.
- Some classes may need to be combined due to the number of students.
- Parents are not allowed to participate in class unless they are in a Parent/Toddler class.
- Additional classes may be added to the schedule dependant upon the amount of interest, space available in the pool and instructor availability.

Registration Fee is \$40.00 per person.

Make checks payable to: Gardner Parks and Recreation

Kids' Fishing Derby

Fishing is an American tradition that has much to offer young children. Not only does fishing give children the thrill and satisfaction of catching a fish, but more importantly, fishing gives youngsters the chance to experience the outdoors and to spend time with their family and friends.

Safety, regulations, ethics, fish biology, equipment and casting practices will all be part of these clinics conducted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Join us afterwards for a free barbeque lunch. Worms and goody bags are included. A limited number of poles will be available, so kids are encouraged to bring their own, if they have one.

Maximum number of participants: 75

Date: Saturday, May 12

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fee: Free

Location: Gardner Lake

Registration Deadline: May 4



Theatre for Kids Camp

During the 5-day camp, your child will learn basic singing and acting skills. Each day the kids will rehearse and prepare for their big début! Snack and drink will be provided, but each student will have to supply their own lunch. A complete musical performance will be performed the evening of the last day of camp. A different show will be performed in each Camp. The entire community is welcome to watch this free, fun-filled event!

Camp I Information

Date: June 11-15

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ages: Grades 2-8

Fee: \$90.00

Location: Vocal Room at GEHS

Registration Deadline: June 2

Camp I Performance

Date: June 15

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Fee: Free Admission

Location: Cornerstone Park Amphitheatre



Camp II Information

Date: June 25-29

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ages: Grades 2-8

Fee: \$90.00

Location: Vocal Room at GEHS

Registration Deadline: June 22

Camp II Performance

Date: June 29

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Fee: Free Admission

Location: Cornerstone Park Amphitheatre

Adult Softball Summer League

"USSSA" Rules will apply

Leagues consists of a minimum of 5 week, 10 game, double-headers. Players must be 18 years and older. All games will be played at Westside Sports Complex. Top 2 teams in each league will receive awards.

League Fee: \$350

Fees must be paid before deadline, only one check, money order, credit card or cash payment for entire amount will be accepted. Teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis until leagues are full.

Program	Start	Day/Time
Co-ed Rec.	June 17th	Sun/4:00-8:00 p.m.
Co-ed Comp.	June 17th	Sun/4:00-8:00 p.m.
Men's D	June 18th	Mon/6:30-9:30 p.m.
Men's D	June 20th	Wed/6:30-9:30 p.m.
Women's D	June 20th	Wed/6:30-9:30 p.m.



Registration Deadline: June 8th